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Home Management House

By Dorothy Clemons

ON coming to school today, you girls who are new among us are almost bewildered by the names you hear spoken by the upper classmen. "Campus Lab," "Cons," "N. P.'s," "Seminars," "Scrub Lab," ring in your ears, and probably before you have lost your awe and curiosity about these names, "Home Management House" will be a new word to puzzle over.

Senior year in anyone's life is a momentous occasion; but the event that gives the senior Home "Ec" girl a double feeling of seniority is her removal from "dorm" or sorority house, or even a home in Ames, to one of the four Home Management Houses. Here she lives and works for six weeks in a home atmosphere, seeing that the Home Management House baby is well and thriving.

The first Home Management House idea was inaugurated in a neighboring state, Minnesota. The idea was adopted on the Iowa State campus, and for some years only one house was set aside to be used and known as the Home Management House. By the end of 1924 there were two such houses on the Iowa State campus; and in March of last school year four houses were needed.

Until the completion of the fourth home, the Georgia White house, the houses were located at various points about the campus. Today all four are placed on the extreme north side of the campus, and within one block of one another. The Isabelle Bevier house is presided over by Helen Gray, as resident advisor; the Georgia White house by Frances Kelly; the Ellen H. Richards house by Hattie Lundgren; and the Gertrude Coburn house by Catherine Routon.

To one unfamiliar with the scheme of

things in a Home Management House, a Home Management House baby seems a queer and preposterous idea. Every year more than one new co-ed exclaims, "What! a real, live baby in the house? And do the girls have to take care of it?"

The girls are responsible for the care of the babies, but no matter how unwillingly a girl may start her duties as child director, before they are ended she is usually loath to give up her charge.

The babies can not be Home Management babies after they reach the age of three years. This year the babies' ages range from Bernard, at the Isabelle Bevier house, three and one-half months; Jerry, of the Georgia White house, thirteen months; Richard, the Ellen H. Richards house, four and one-half months, to Ruth, at the Gertrude Coburn house, who is twenty-three months old.

Twice a quarter eight senior girls are assigned to each Home Management House. At the beginning of the quar-

ter, and at the beginning of the second six weeks, the girls meet in Home Economics Hall and draw for the house they will go to. This prevents any suggestion of partiality. Once established in a Home Management House, the resident advisor meets with the girls, friendships are begun, and the girls are told about their new duties.

For a period of five days each, every girl must serve as the child director, assistant child director, housekeeper, cook, assistant cook, dining room manager, and as hostess. During these days she actually takes the baby out for his daily airing, prepares his meals, bathes and dresses him, orders the food for the household, keeps the accounts, prepares the meals, sees that the house is clean, pleasant and comfortably arranged, and acts as hostess at the table. And now and then President and Mrs. Hughes and members of the faculty are entertained at dinner.

To the girls who have senior year to look forward to, the duties of a Home Management house may seem unpleasant. Class work during the Home Management period is light, however, and those who have gone before tell us that it's "heaps of fun."

Divisional Convocations Held

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Ill., was selected as Engineers' Lady. George Booth, M. E. Sr. from Harlan, was elected St. Patrick and with Miss Wiley will lead the Engineers' Ball.

Representatives of the Ag Club, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta spoke at the agricultural convocation.

Fred Welsh, president of the Industrial Science Council, was in charge of the industrial science convocation.

